

As I licensed individual for over 40 years, I see this proposal to be totally without merit. There is NO need for any change!. The code has been and continues to be a prime part of the amateur service. To eliminate the mode will in time erode the sub-bands to the point where only voice will be allowed. Further, the amateur service has developed a pool of trained persons to assist in times of need wherein the persons have shown skill levels and experience by the fact that they have passed approved tests, including code, in order to obtain a license to operate the frequencies below 30 Mhz. This petition in essence is asking for a dumbing down of the testing that is in place that demonstrates skill levels necessary. Thank you for the consideration and I urge the commission to keep the requirements in place as is.